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Dear members of the MLPA panels,  
Last night, Thursday, February 19 at 9:00 p.m., a total of twenty-eight commercial squid boats were assembled in the area between Cat Harbor and Little Harbor on Catalina Island harvesting squid. One of the squid light boats reported an estimated biomass of about 400 tons in the area. By early morning on Friday, February 20, that same light boat reported that the purse-seine fleet had taken approximately 400 tons the previous night. It's the right time of the year for spawning white seabass and yellowtail to start arriving in Island waters to spawn and feed. Their primary food source this time of the year is squid.

If anything at all comes out of the MLPA process that has the potential to help enhance local fisheries, this rampant and widespread commercial abuse of the squid biomass should be at the top of everyone's list.

Please share this sentiment with all members of the MLPA panel. It is not just my sentiment, it is the prevailing sentiment of all residents of Catalina Island and the vast majority of all recreational fishermen in southern California.

Thanks for your consideration on this matter, and for endeavoring to develop reasonable and sensible proposals for the MLPA Initiative.

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